

242 DEPOSITIONS TO THE SCHEDULE,  
[f<sup>i</sup><sup>g</sup>;

WILLIAM GARRARD and Company, if the said Spaniards had not used such violence; by reason whereof, this Deponent was enforced to depart from the said Port of Vera Cruz sooner than he thought to do\*

At such time, as he was at Vera Cruz, being in September last as before, the said 57 Negroes, one with another, might have been sold at Vera Cruz for 400 Pesos of Gold every Negro. And for reason of his better knowledge, he saith that he hath sold, and seen others buy and sell Negroes at Rio de la Hacha and other hither' places of the West Indias,, both this last summer, and in two other voyages before; and, by that experience, knoweth that such choice Negroes be commonly sold there for 150 Pesos of Gold [=£60 z=about £500 now],

And saith, that, this last year, there was one choice Negro sold Rio de la Hacha for 150 Pesos of Gold; and yet (in this Deponent's judgement) that Negro was not worth so much money as many of the said 45 Negroes were. For the Englishmen, Frenchmen, and Portuguese do bring many Negroes to the said hither places of the West Indias; but none that ever this Deponent could hear of, to the haven of Vera Cruz; being about 600 leagues sailing beyond these hither places. By reason whereof, the Negroes and all other wares [!] must be dearer bought and sold there, than in the other said hither and near places, t

J O H N TOMMES.

There were ten or twelve Negroes or thereabouts in the *Minion*; whereof she brought seven into England [*seep.* 319], and the rest died by the way homewards.

*S c HED ULE 9.—30 Bales of Linen Cloth  
at [3,000  
Rials of Silver =] ^75 [= about ;£600  
now the  
Bale]..... £2,250-*

\* *Hither places*, i.e. ^ nearer to England, by the ordinary course of English navigation m the West Indies. What is meant are the ports in the Carnbean Sea; which were frequented by English ships before the Bay of Mexico was known to them. See p. 204.

t Of course this is merely an argument here for a fictitious pi ice : but unless WILLIAM FOWLER perjured himself (see j#. 228) 400 Pesos of Gold for a Negro was under rather than over the mark.